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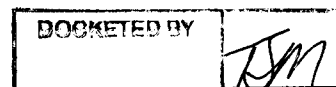
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May 9, 2013
Re: In Response to the TUSK Letter Regarding Net Metering
Docket No. E-01345A-12-0290

Arizona Corporation Commission
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Dear Honorable Barry Goldwater, Jr.,



Thank you for your recent letter concerning the subject of net metering. Your letter will be docketed so that the concerns raised and the suggestions presented will be part of the public record.

As you are aware, there are currently no proposals before the Commission to change the current net metering policy. To debate, at this time, what might possibly be proposed in the future would not be fair to either the utilities or to the solar industry.

The series of Technical Conferences that are currently going on related to this issue as well as other issues on renewable energy may result in proposals being submitted to the Commission for consideration. If that occurs there will likely be a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) where all parties to the docket will have the opportunity to offer sworn testimony and present evidence in support of their side of the issue or to refute any evidence or testimony presented by others. The first sentence of the third paragraph of your letter says, "APS continually echoes that net metering is a subsidy. It is not and will be proven as much." That sentence states very succinctly what the hearing process is for, each side can attempt to prove its case.

Unless and until a proposal to change the current net metering policy is presented to the Commission, and a hearing is held, and the ALJ issues a Recommended Opinion and Order, there is not much to debate. In an attempt to gather as much data as we can, we are very closely monitoring the data being presented at the Technical Conferences by all parties, as well as proposals and proceedings in other states.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Gary Pierce

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